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Secretary Marlene H. Dortch  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.  
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Dear Secretary Dortch,

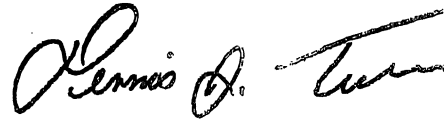
First responders' jobs are crucial to the framework of America as they preserve peace and well-being. That is why nearly 8,000 citizens throughout the country have come out in support of a solution that will solve a critical issue facing our first responder colleagues throughout the country. The problem is radio interference, and its effects are nothing less than dangerous. And this problem isn't contained either – its effects are felt from coast to coast, in small communities to large metropolitan centers. It is quite encouraging that so many have been stirred to action to support the comprehensive solution that is found in the Consensus Plan.

With a chorus of 900 public safety departments joining the thousands of private citizens, these supporters recognize that the Consensus Plan is the only solution for interference because it is comprehensive and fully funded. Public safety and municipalities cannot be burdened by retuning costs and the Consensus Plan offers an alternative. This support shows that Americans care about public safety and they care about seeing interference eliminated once and for all for their first responders.

In my fifteen years of service to the Dedham community as Police Chief, I have witnessed few public safety issues that have garnered such widespread support from communities across the country. The

Dedham Police Department proudly joins this coalition, including 33 departments and agencies from Massachusetts alone, in support of the Consensus Plan. I hope the Commission will do the same so first responders can once again depend on their radio communications.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis J. Teehan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a stylized "T" at the end.

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